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1. Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) forces are now armed with two types of armor-piercing weapons. The OKZ type, fired from a tripod and effective at 30 meters, is said to be recoilless with a projectile the size of a bazooka rocket. DRV arsenals are producing these in large numbers. The second weapon, an anti-tank grenade with rifle launcher, has a range of 100 meters.
2. DRV training is at its peak preparing for action during the dry season. The emphasis is on the development of lightly equipped, fast-moving guerrilla units.¹
3. The principal overland route between Indochina and Thailand is by way of Khlong Yai, Trad District through the DRV-controlled area of Cambodia which is approximately 20 kilometers from the Thai border.
4. The DRV policy in Thailand is to remain quiet until and unless orders are received from Ho Chi Minh headquarters.²
5. At the main DRV headquarters in Indochina it is believed that Thai forces are supporting the French along the borders. As a result, DRV-supported Lao Viet units in order to avoid clashes with Thai troops are engaging in no activity within 20 kilometers of the frontier.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Source discounts the importance of the recent fighting in the Lai Chou area northwest of Nanoi.
2. [REDACTED] Comment. Source denies that there is any connection between the DRV and the Thai Navy refugees either in Indochina or Burma.

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